

Plans Set For New York Convention

NEW YORK (BP) — The Baptist Fellowship of New York meeting here Sept. 27-28 reaffirmed Jan. 1, 1970 as a realistic date to establish the New York Baptist Convention and began plans for a constitution meeting to be held in Syracuse Sept. 25-26, 1969.

The 163 messengers from 55 churches and chapels across New York and Northern New Jersey passed a measure to begin the new organization with four staff members. Those forming the nucleus of the state leadership will be (1) executive secretary-treasurer editor — evangelism secretary, (2) secretary of church

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program ministries, (3) secretary of missions — stewardship-brotherhood, and (4) a part-time WMU secretary.

Membership in the 98 congregations now total 9,500, according to Roger Knapton, chairman of the executive board. Based on this figure, he said, "the goal of 10,000 members to be reached by 1970 can be attained."

A record budget of \$8,700 was approved for 1969, and a reserve fund has been established by the Maryland Convention in which one-third of 1969 cooperative program gifts given in the fellowship terri-

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Convention To Be Held Nov. 12-14

Formal Dedication Set For New Baptist Building

Russian Baptist Gains Reported

The one hundred thirty-third session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will be held Nov. 12-14, it has been announced by Dr. Donald Roark, of Yazoo City, chairman of the convention's committee on order of business.

The convention is scheduled to begin Tuesday

team of Dallas, Texas.

Dr. B. O. Baker will bring the principal message with Dick Baker to be featured in music.

Other featured convention inspirational speakers will include Dr. Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. Theron Farris, director of academic evangelism of the Evangelism Division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; Dr. Gray Allison, Baptist evangelist of Ruston, La.; Dr. Clark Pinnock, associate professor of theology, New Orleans Baptist Seminary; Rev. Arthur Blessitt, Baptist evangelist of Los Angeles, Cal.; Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, and Anis Shorosh, Baptist evangelist of Mobile, Ala.

The opening Tuesday morning session will be one of the highlights with Claude Townsend, layman of Florence, convention president, sched-

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U.S. 'Aid' Funds Face Court Test

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — Two major cases are on their way to the U. S. Supreme Court to test the constitutionality of the use of Federal Tax funds in church-related schools.

A New York suit (Flast v. Cohen) challenges titles I and II of the Elementary and Secondary Education

Act of 1965. These titles provide for special educational services and for textbooks and other instructional materials in private schools for the use of teachers and school children. The court said that this law was not a violation of either the New York or Federal Constitutions.

A new suit in Hartford, Conn. (Tilton v. Cohen) has been initiated to test the Higher Educational Facilities Act of 1963. This act provides for the expenditure of federal funds for the construction of buildings such as dormitories, libraries, laboratories, classrooms and general purpose structures in both public and private colleges.

The way was cleared by the Supreme Court earlier this year for such cases to be considered by the courts. In a decision in Flast v. Cohen it was decided that under certain circumstances a taxpayer can challenge the constitutionality of a federal program. The case is now pending in the New York courts.

It is not known when these cases will reach the U. S. Supreme Court, and then taken to the U. S. Supreme Court. In the event that the two cases reach the U. S. Supreme Court at approximately the same time, the court could choose to announce their decisions simultaneously two or three years from now.

Two other cases already handled by the U. S. Supreme Court are significant in relation to the present cases. In 1966 the U. S. Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal from Maryland's highest court involving the use of state funds for church colleges. Maryland's court held that state funds for closely related church colleges violate the First Amendment of the U. S. Constitution.

A 1968 case that reached the U. S. Supreme Court (Allen v.

SBC Missions

Gifts In Record

NASHVILLE (BP) — Worldwide missions gifts to Southern Baptist Convention causes for the first three quarters of 1968 have topped the \$40 million mark.

The record contributions, up \$2.17 million compared to the same period last year, were detailed in a monthly financial statement from the Southern Baptist Executive Committee here.

The \$40,288,853 includes \$19.6 million given through the

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NEWTON GETS MULLINS AWARD: The retiring pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta, Louie D. Newton, (left) receives the E. Y. Mullins Denominational Service Award from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Duke K. McCall, president of the seminary, presented the plaque to the famed Baptist pastor during an appreciation dinner in Atlanta. (BP) Photo. (Story on inside.)

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PERU BAPTIST MISSION SAYS COUNTRY IS PEACEFUL

"All peaceful, no problems," says a cable the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board received Friday, October 4, from the Peru Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries).

The message, directed to Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for South America for the Foreign Mission Board, was occasioned by the Peruvian army coup which early Thursday morning, October 3, toppled the elected government of President Fernando Belaunde Terry. Newspaper reports indicate the coup was bloodless.

Southern Baptists have 30 career missionaries and three missionary journeymen in Peru. They are stationed in four cities: Lima, Piura, Trujillo, and Arequipa.

Graham Says People Want Moral Change

MONTREAT, N. C. (RNS) —

Evangelist Billy Graham said here that American people are looking for a change in the moral and spiritual direction of the nation and that candidates for President and for Congress should be aware of that fact.

"There was a tremendous amount of poverty when I was a boy growing up and we didn't go out looting, robbing and throwing bricks," he said. "I think we ought to recognize that there's a criminal element involved, and that we have taken morality and God and religion from our public schools. These young people have no moral framework in which to live."

Stating that the problem is essentially spiritual and moral and traces back to the home, school and church, Mr.

"We've got to have law and order, no matter how much power and force it takes," he said. "Because when you have a breakdown of law, anarchy follows."

"And this would lead to over-suppression and a dictatorship faster than anything I could think of. And that's where we are headed unless it is reversed and stopped."

He said recent U. S. Supreme Court decisions regarding pornography "are taking freedom too far."

"And at the same time such pornography is allowed, they are saying we no longer can pray and read the Bible in the schools," he added. "We have sown the wind, and are now reaping the whirlwind."

"I believe the pendulum is going to swing the other way. I think we are going to see that the American people are getting sick and tired of all this and I think they are going to have something to say about it."

"And I am hopeful that all of our Presidential candidates—wherever they are—all of our congressional candidates, and I'm not taking sides politically . . . I hope they will see this: That the American people are wanting change in the moral and spiritual direction of our country."

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J. B. Parker To Be Honored By Jackson Church

Rev. James B. Parker, of Jackson, former Chaplain of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson, will be honored in a special service at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, on Sunday morning, October 13 at the 10:30 a. m. service.

Rev. William B. Brown, Director of the Chaplains Division of the Home Mission

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CZECH BAPTISTS SAY: 'STAY WITH US NOW'

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Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Alliance, urged that Baptists of all countries be in prayer for the Czechs in these "difficult days of testing and readjustment."

He stated that financial assistance will be needed as the Czech Baptist churches move from former State support of their pastors to complete self-support.

Nordenhaug reported that Stanislav Svec, secretary of the Baptist Union of Czechoslovakia, in September attended a meeting of the European Baptist Federation council in Hamburg, Germany.

"This year with us in Czech

At Hamburg Pastor Svec declared: "We trust our government, and our people whose discipline is admirable. And, most of all, we trust our God. We believe in the victory of the truth, of the righteousness, of the right."

And after telling of the continued worship services, despite the inability of many to come because of transportation difficulties, Svec continued his message to Baptists of Europe and the world:

"We feel you always were with us in your thoughts, and in your prayers. Do remain with us now, and help us through your faithful intercession."

Vlastimil Pospisil, a Czech delegate to the Baptist Youth World Conference in Berne, Switzerland, in July, had told the assembly of young people from 60 nations:

"This year with us in Czech

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THE FACT OF CHRIST

(Third of three messages delivered to the Southern Baptist Pastors Conference, Houston, 1968, by Professor Clark H. Pinnock, New Orleans Seminary.)

The three messages plus one other are now available in booklet form from Jewell Books, Tigerville, S. C. 29688. The price is 20¢ per copy, with 40% discount in large quantities.)

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but dead because of its recent use as a bare symbol for whatsoever the liberal fancy cared for. Modernists, cultists, and Catholics—all place a "Christ" at the center. But we must ask, who is this Christ (his theanthropic person), and what did he do (his mediatorial work)? Friedrich Schleiermacher admired Jesus' taste for the infinite, and gave him great credit for his religious sensitivity. Ritschi, the neo-Kantian liberal theologian, saw in Jesus the model of an ethical prophet. Bultmann was pleased with Jesus' existentialist spirit, and Tillich perceived in him the symbol of Being. In each case Jesus became central, and in each case a false Christ was in view. The only Christ known to the various writers of the New Testament was truly God and truly man. Jesus Christ is presented on its pages to be the incarnation of the eternal Son of God, our creator, redeemer, and Judge. He is alpha and omega, our prophet, priest, and king. The theanthropic Christ is the only one the Scripture will allow us to recognize. See Jn. 1:14 Phil. 2:6 Col. 1:16 Heb. 1:2f. The false Christs of liberal theology are impotent to save. Let none blaspheme by bowing to a merely human Jesus. We bend the knee to Christ because he is Lord of all.

The orthodox doctrine of the person of Christ is denied on every hand by professed Christians. Harry Emerson Fosdick, that liberal who did more than any single man to make the term "Baptist" meaningful in our time, saw God in Jesus, but we must add in his mother too. The difference was only a question of degree. The Methodist theologian Georgia Harkness interpreted Jesus' divinity as consisting of "divinity" for which history offers many other candidates. Bultmann, the bete noir of contemporary

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State Convention To Be Conducted Nov. 12-14

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uled to be in the chair.

Mr. Townsend will bring the keynote address with the convention sermon to be given by Rev. James Richardson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Leland.

Other features of this session will include the introduction of new workers, committee reports, presentation of budget and the reading and referral of any resolutions.

Election of officers is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon. If custom is followed, a clergy-

man will be elected to succeed Claude Townsend, of Florence, who has served two consecutive one-year terms.

During the past several years the convention has alternated between a clergyman and a layman and re-elected each time for a second term.

Miss Chisholm At Organ

Special music at each session will be rendered by R. L. and Beth Sigrest of Yazoo City.

Miss Hazel Chisholm, host church organist, will be con-

vention organist.

A missionary feature will be a panel with George A. Torney, III, of the Home Mission Board, serving as moderator.

To assist in presiding will be First Vice-President, Dr. Bob N. Ramsay of Brookhaven and Second Vice-President, Rev. John McDonald of Jackson.

Paul Adams, Starkville, is recording secretary with Horace Kerr, Jackson, associate recording secretary.

The convention will con-

sider a record \$4,200,000 Cooperative Program budget for 1968-69, to be recommended by the Convention Board.

The body will also consider a recommendation from the Education Commission which would revise the Convention's Constitution dealing with deficits incurred by any of its agencies or institutions.

Barnes To Present Report

According to the Education Commission's report, presented by Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg, chairman,

The suggested change is as follows:

"The Education Commission recommended that the Convention revise the wording in the section of the Constitution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention entitled: Plan of Organization and Action, Article XVI, Section 2 to read as follows: 'If the Convention or any of its agencies or institutions, incurs an operational allocation to the Convention, agency or institutional budget for the succeeding year shall be used first to

offset such deficit; and the succeeding year's budget item reflecting income expected to be derived from the Convention allocation from operation shall be reduced by the amount used to cover such deficit.'

The Education Commission makes its report to the Convention through the Convention Board and the above recommendation has been approved by the Convention Board for two straight years, a necessary procedure for constitutional changes.



W. Mark Moore

Native Of State Goes To BSSB

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Church, Jackson, as minister of education.

He has also served as associational Vacation Bible School and Junior Sunday School and Training Union consultant; as a special worker for the Sunday School and Training Union departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, and as an officer for the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association in 1967-68.

Moore is married to the former Hilda Allen of Brandon, and is the father of one daughter, Mindy, 5.

Graham Says --

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to assist in the Presidential campaign for Hubert Humphrey.

"Certainly it is within the American system to debate political issues and attack each other's positions, but Mr. Ball reflected upon Mr. Nixon's moral character and personal integrity," he said. "I reacted strongly when he said on a national television program Mr. Nixon didn't have the character to be President."

Noting that he had known Mr. Nixon for 20 years, Mr. Graham said, "I have not seen one thing in my personal relationship with him that would give any indication he is 'tricky.' I can testify that he is a man of high moral principle."

The evangelist said he would react the same way if someone attacked the moral character of President Johnson or Vice President Hubert Humphrey, the Democratic presidential nominee.

"I do not intend to publicly endorse any political candidate, as some clergymen are doing," he said, "but I maintain the right to help put the record straight when a friend is smeared."

Carey College Has Record Enrollment

William Carey College officials have announced today that the 1968 fall semester enrollment is up 4.5% over last year. With a total of 41 more students than in the fall of 1967, the figure has reached an all-time high of 879.

"We are elated over our increase this year," commented Dr. Ralph Noonkester, president of Carey, "in light of the fact that so many private colleges across our nation have shown sharp decreases in enrollment this fall."

Not only is Carey's total enrollment up, but the average student shows a higher academic average and the overall quality of the typical freshman is superior. "We definitely have the best freshman class that we have ever had," said Academic vice-president Joseph M. Ernest. "Part of this may be attributed to the large number of honor students among our new students."

The evangelistic crusade next March will be known as "Acts 60." The Rev. Theo van der Laan, general secretary of the Union of Baptist Churches in the Netherlands, said the next six months will be used for intensive preparation.

Twenty-three states and seven foreign countries are represented by the new students at Carey. The states are N.Y., Md., Tenn., Miss., Fla., Ga., Ala., La., S.C., Penn., Nev., Ill., Ky., Wash., N.C., Tex., Ohio, N.M., Va., N.J., Ore., and Hawaii. The foreign countries represented are Brazil, British West Indies, Taiwan, Uruguay, San Salvador, and Hong Kong.

JONES SERVES VALLEY HILL

Valley Hill Church, Carroll-Montgomery Association, has called Rev. George Jones as pastor. Mr. Jones was formerly pastor of Calvary Church, Scott County.

Since his coming to Valley Hill, the church has already begun to experience growth. Mr. Jones is married to the former Betty Dunn of Inverness. They have four children, Phil, Mike, Tommy, and Tammy.

J. B. Parker --

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Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the principal speaker, and will make a presentation for the Board.

Mr. Paul Pryor, Administrator of the hospital, also will be one of the speakers.

Mr. Parker served as chaplain at the hospital for 22 years and retired from that position on Feb. 1 of this year. Prior to coming to this position at the hospital he served for 18 years as pastor of the First Baptist Church at Ripley.

Mr. Parker also has just received notice that he has been given a life membership in the American Protestant Hospital Association.

Caution is one automobile accessory you can't buy.

The road to failure is greased with the slime of indifference.

Decade Of Steady Growth Seen At MC

The fast-gaining notion that Baptist-supported colleges are passing off the educational scene can be strongly refuted by a close study of statistics just released by Mississippi College.

Digging back into figures for the past ten years, college officials have been able to show a steady growth in almost every phase of the college's activities. The current school year, which opened early last month, is likewise showing growth, with enrollment alone up 10 percent over the previous year.

During the ten year reporting period Mississippi College showed a student enrollment increase of 67.8 percent, while the faculty has increased 71.2 percent, jumping from 67 in 1957-58 to 94 this past year.

These figures compare with a 67.1 percent increase in enrollment shown in Dr. Brantley's report covering all Baptist institutions, and 65.4 percent in faculty increase for the various schools.

The Leland Speed Library at Mississippi College has grown from 59,161 accessions in 1957-58 to 109,000 in 1967-68, an increase of 54.2 percent.

With the average cost of placing a book on the shelf estimated at \$8 each, the added books represent an increased investment of \$398,612.

While dollar assets and the total number of students have been increasing, Baptist colleges in general have recorded a drop in ministerial students and in students studying for other church-related vocations. Mississippi College has followed this same pattern.

In the ten years the total property value of the schools increased by about 135 percent. Mississippi College's increase was substantially higher, with property value rocketing from \$2,443,874 in 1957-58 to \$8,508,245 in 1967-68 for a phenomenal 248.1 percent increase.

Dr. Brantley pointed out that plant values jumped more than endowment, whereas it would be more encouraging if it were reversed and endowments took the lead. The commission head said buildings without money to back them up can be liabilities, but people will give a building much quicker than they will contribute to endowment or for paying debts.

MC Increase 134.6%

Mississippi College showed an increase of 154.6 percent in Cooperative Program gifts during the period as compared with only an 89 percent increase of all Baptist institutions. Capital gifts decreased in both instances.

Because of rising costs in almost every area, tuition and fees at Mississippi College have shown a 255.1 percent in-

crease, rising from a total of \$368,645 in '57-'58 to \$1,309,283 this past school year. Baptist schools in general, according to Dr. Brantley's report showed a 230 percent increase in tuition and fees in order for the schools to operate in the black. The Clinton college has been in the black for 36 years.

Furthermore, it will avail little if we are straight on the deity of Christ, but waver in our understanding of his redemptive work. The Bible discusses this subject repeatedly, and with great clarity, so that our understanding might be complete. Christ is our Lamb, our Sacrifice, our Ransom, our Propitiation, our Sinbearer. By his death upon the cross he sealed our pardon. "We are now justified by his blood." (Rom. 5:9) The substitutionary death of Christ for lost sinners, which is the hallmark of evangelical theology, is the heart of the Biblical teaching on the atonement. He became sin, and a curse for us. (2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13) The inmost is so clear that the ambiguity in modern theology (and in some of our own Southern Baptist literature) is as surprising as it is shocking. What can explain this lack of precision in the fact of such overwhelming evidence? The reason is to be found in the texture of liberal theology, which drifts with the current climate of the times unbound by the oracles of God. Liberals have weak stomachs for strong doctrine. They tend to choke on Biblical ideas like sin, guilt, wrath, hell, substitution, ransom, and the like. For these do not fit their current religious thinking. In turning from the Biblical doctrine of atonement they claim to be putting new wine in old wineskins—whereas in fact they are putting in soda pop and calling it Burgundy. Trying to communicate the gospel without the vicarious, substitutionary atonement, is like attempting to rescue the perishing by sinking the lifeboat! It is a most diabolical error (quite literally — 1 Tim 4:1; 2 Pt. 2:1). The blood of Christ is

the foundation of our justification. Our sins are expiated by his blood (Rom. 3:24-26). How can a person deny the ransom and be redeemed, reject the sacrifice and be forgiven, dismiss the propitiation and be acquitted? A false view of the work of Christ will send

men to hell, because their faith will be directed away from its proper object. No doubt the death of Jesus was a noble example, a paradigm of love, and a pattern of discipleship—but these facets of the cross have never removed the guilt of a single



BAPTISTS SING inside a tent in Epe, Netherlands, during a rally held in preparation for an evangelistic effort planned for March, 1968. The tent could not seat all of the more than 4,000 who participated.—(Photo by Joseph B. Underwood)

Rally In Netherlands Draws Half Of Baptists

More than 4,000, or nearly half the Baptists of The Netherlands, came by bus, car, train, bicycle, and wheelchair to a September 14 rally in Epe, in preparation for an evangelistic effort planned for March, 1968.

Hundreds had to sit or stand outside the 3,000-seat tent in which the rally was held. With

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Czechoslovakia has been a year of hope. . . . Our youth and our whole church are permitted to assemble openly."

Pospisil also declared: "Our work has spread out over the whole Republic of Czechoslovakia. There are large and small groups of believers. Our largest church has about 430 members and the smallest 50 members. In all our churches we have Sunday schools and church and youth choirs. We are trying to use all of these groups in Missionary endeavor."

Baptist World Alliance records show a membership of 4,200 members in 26 Baptist churches and 100 mission stations in Czechoslovakia.

Nordenhaug expressed hope that "Baptists around the world, as they meet for worship, will pray for their fellow believers in Czechoslovakia and give some tangible expression of their Christian solidarity with them through the channels of the Baptist World Alliance."

The Alliance is a fellowship of Baptist conventions and unions around the world. It reports a total membership of about 26 million Baptists in 70 countries.

Revival Dates

Trinity Church, Laurel, (Jones): October 20-25; services daily at 9:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.; Rev. Billy Smith, pastor of Second Church, Indianapolis, evangelist; LaVon Welborn, Minister of Music at First Church, Laurel, singer; Rev. Wayne Frederick, pastor.



BMC Girls Sign Honor Code

STUDENTS OF Blue Mountain College exercise the privilege of self government centered around the principles of the honor system. During a candlelight service held each fall, all students sign the Honor Code in the presence of the President of the Student Government Association. Ready to sign the Honor Code for 1968-69 are Sue Laster of Pontotoc (left), and Pat Robinson of Cleveland (right), as Nancy Chamberlain of Grenada (center), current President of SGA presides.

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

Thursday, October 10, 1968

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Largest Circulation of Any Newspaper
Of Any Kind In Mississippi
JOE T. ODLE, Editor

The Jew Is In Jerusalem

The Jew is in Jerusalem! For the first time in more than two thousand years a nation of Israel is in full control of the Holy City!

What does this mean? Is it merely a development in the history of nations, with just another of the changes in boundaries, which have occurred almost continually in the record of mankind? Or is there prophetic significance in what is happening in Jerusalem and the Holy Land, and is God at work in the events there?

Bible scholars disagree concerning the meaning of the rise of Israel as a nation, and her recent conquest of a large portion of the Holy Land. Some are strong in their conviction that Bible prophecy is being fulfilled, while others are just as certain that it is not. Perhaps, no person should be dogmatic, since the future can be completely known and understood only by God himself, yet any careful student of the Scriptures cannot but look with interest, and, sometimes, with amazement, at the things which are happening in Palestine and in Jerusalem right now.

For many years your editor has had an interest in the study of Bible prophecy, especially that which relates to the Second Coming of Christ. He also has made a rather careful study of the Jew and his destiny. Because of this, he was delighted to have the opportunity during September to make another trip to Israel, and to see the land as it now is, entirely under the control of the Jews. It was of special interest to see Jerusalem united and under the Jewish government. This particular "Editorial Pilgrimage", in which 32 editors from all across America participated, gave opportunity to meet a number of Jewish leaders, and to ask many questions concerning the present situation, and the plans the government has for the future.

It was evident from the things heard and seen there, that Israel will not willingly see Jerusalem divided again, and that she has no intention of relinquishing her hold there. Neither does she plan to give up certain other areas which she acquired in the Six Day War in 1967, although she has announced a willingness to negotiate "face to face" with Egypt and Jordan concerning most of the conquered territory. News reports from these two lands, however, reveal that there is little chance for them to agree to hold a conference with Israel at any time in the near future. Moreover, Israel has made it clear that she is determined not to give up the lands without a peace conference. Meanwhile, the Arab nations are making preparation for another attack on Israel with a determination to drive the Jews into the Mediterranean Sea or wipe the nation off the face of the map. Israel is preparing for such an attack, and will be ready when it comes.

But what does all of this mean in the light of the Bible? What does the Scripture say concerning it, if anything? Is there any prophetic significance in what is happening? While, as we said above, one cannot be dogmatic, but he cannot overlook the fact that some of the things which the Bible says must happen, are occurring right now, whether they have any prophetic significance or not.

Prophecies Concerning The Jew

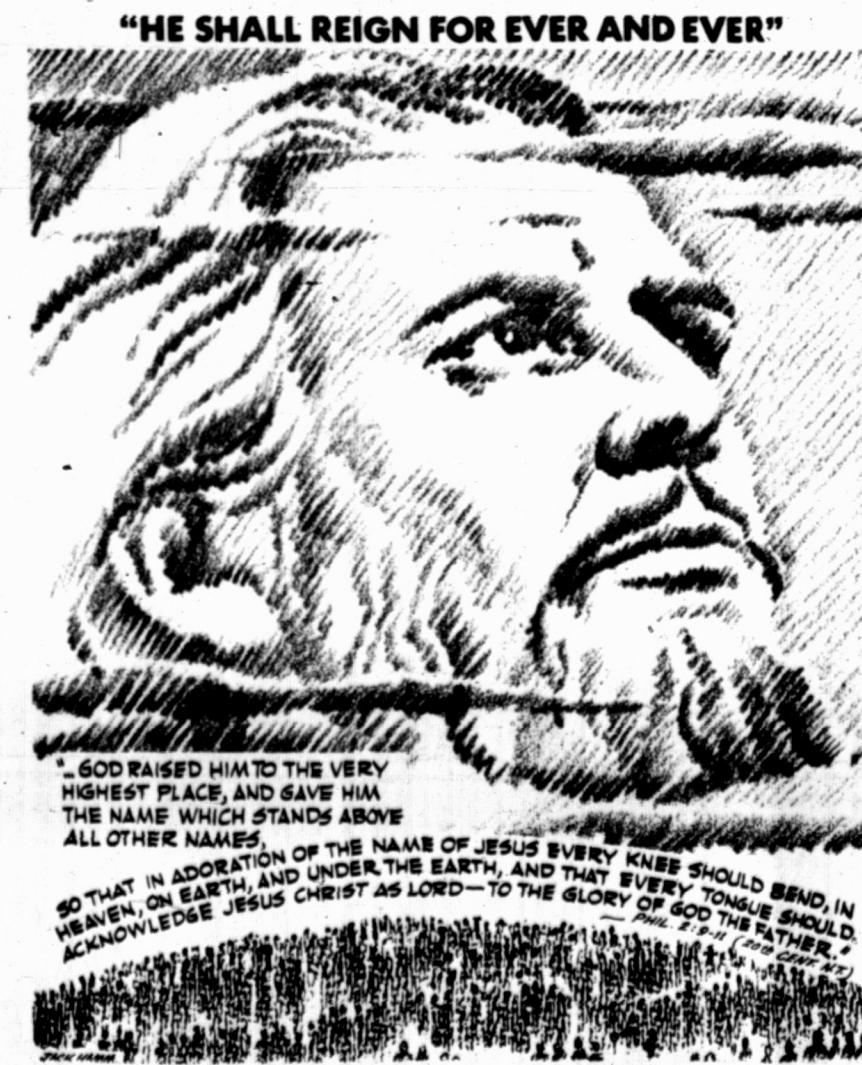
In such a brief space as can be given to an editorial it is not possible to do anything more than outline some of the things which the Bible says concerning the Jew, and to consider them in the light of what is happening today. This we attempt to do here, although there are far more Scripture references than we can use here.

EDUCATION
What's Happening

Education Commission, SBC
One characteristic of a society's political maturity is what I would describe as "Copemanship"; that is, simply the ability to cope with its problems. I would divide this into two parts. There is the knowledge factor: How much do you know and, particularly, how much do you know that isn't so? Will Rogers said this was one of the great problems of mankind. It isn't what we don't know; it's what we know that isn't so. Most people know an awful lot that isn't so. This is particularly true of social systems. We operate society on the whole-by-folk culture. Politics is still in the folk-culture stage of human development. The possibility of dangerous misinterpretations of reality and the difficulty of reality-testing, as the psychologists say, present extraordinary problems. We rely on a kind of intuition or sixth sense and this is often not very reliable.

The other part of copemanship I can only call the will. A man may know a lot and not do anything about it. I worry sometimes that the more-realistic a man's image of the world is, the less he feels he can do about it. Occasionally in social systems it is the ignorant who go blindly forward and get things done. This is why I am a little uneasy about too much knowledge if it corrupts the will. It is awkward for a professor to announce himself in favor of ignorance, but I would like to run a research project on the question: What are the circumstances under which ignorance is bliss? I want to know what I shouldn't know.

Kenneth E. Boulding, of the University of Colorado, in The Center Magazine.



The Baptist Forum

Gratitude For
Work Of Summer
Missionary

Dear Friends:

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the Mississippi Baptists in general and the B.S.U. in particular for send-

1. **The land of Palestine was given to Abraham and his seed forever.** A careful study of the teaching concerning his seed, makes it clear that this means his seed through Isaac, and not through the descendants through Ishmael. Gen. 12:7; 13:14,15; and 17:6-8, along with other passages make this clear.

2. **The Jews, as a nation, were to be scattered among the nations, but were to be preserved as a distinct people, and finally to be gathered from the nations and brought back to their own land.** This is taught in many places, but none makes it clearer than the words of Moses in Deuteronomy 28:63-68 and 30:1-5. This passage is one of the proofs of the inspiration of the Bible. How could Moses possibly have known that the Jews, who had not yet even entered the land, eventually would be driven from it and scattered among the nations, would be preserved in those nations despite terrible persecution, and eventually would be returned to the land. These facts were entirely beyond human knowledge, and could have been revealed only by God himself. Certainly, we would not contend that all of the prophecies given by Moses in this message, are being fulfilled in Palestine now. What we are saying is that some of the things he prophesied are happening now.

3. **The Jews are to be brought back to the land, will rebuild the waste cities, and will make the desolate areas like a Garden of Eden and blossom as a rose.** Ezekiel 34: 11-15 tells how God as the great shepherd will gather his flock "from all countries, and will bring them to their own land." Ezekiel 36:24 says, "I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land." The verses following tell how that eventually God will give them "a new heart" and a "new spirit." Later verses in the same chapter tell that people will say, "This land that was desolate is becoming like a Garden of Eden; the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced and are inhabited." (Ezekiel 36:35). Isaiah 35:1 speaks of the day when the "desert (shall) blossom as the rose."

Is all of this being fulfilled today? These things are happening, whether they are a fulfillment of prophecy or not. The Jews have been gathered from nations all around the world and are back in their own land. They are rebuilding the waste cities, and the desert is "blooming like a rose," and much of it is becoming like a Garden of Eden."

4. **The Jews not only were to be brought back to the land but also were to live again as a nation.** This is revealed in the vision of the Valley of Dry Bones in the 37th chapter of Ezekiel. In 1948 when Israel became a nation, this was the first time in thousands of years that the Jews had their own nation and government.

5. **The Jews back in their own land, and alive as a nation, were not to have peace, but to come under attack from outside forces.** This is very clearly presented in the 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel. Many students of prophecy believe that the references here relate to Russia and her allies.

6. **Prophecies in Zechariah make it clear that the Jews as a nation will be in the city of Jerusalem at the time of the Second Coming of Christ.** See Zechariah 12 and 14.

These are just a few of the many prophetic references concerning the Jew in the Old Testament. If some one claims that all of these prophecies have been fulfilled in time long past, we simply ask "When?" When were the Jews gathered back into the land from all over the world? When, before, did Israel live as an independent nation, not under the control of any foreign power? When did they rebuild waste cities, and make the desert like a Garden of Eden?

Even if one argues that all of these prophecies have been fulfilled, there are some New Testament prophecies which have not been fulfilled before now. One of the most important of these is in the 21st chapter of Luke. At no time in all of the almost 2,000 years since it was spoken, until this present generation, has anything happened that could have been called a fulfillment of this prophecy.

into our program. With our shortage of nurses during the summer, we do not see how we could have gotten along without her. We retain many fond memories of her stay here and wish that she might someday return to serve with us again.

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New Testament

Here in this chapter are found the words of Jesus answering the disciples' query concerning signs of his second coming. In verses 20-24 he describes the tragic things which are to come to the people in Jerusalem and Judea. This prophecy came to pass exactly as Jesus predicted, about 40 years after he spoke the words, when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem, massacred great numbers of the people, and led others captive into many nations. Then Jesus added a word which has perplexed many commentators through the centuries, He said, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." The first part of the phrase was clearly understood. From the day Jesus spoke the words until 1967 the city has been under non-Jewish control. Gentiles have ruled there through every century since the days of Christ. This has been true almost continually since the destruction of the city and nation by Nebuchadnezzar in 587 B.C. There was a brief period when the Macabees led the nation in revolt against the foreign powers, but actually no lasting, stable, completely free Jewish government, not under the domination of other nations, has existed there since the days of Nebuchadnezzar. Jesus said that this would continue until the "times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." What does that mean? Does it simply refer to the time of Gentile domination, which finally would end? Or does it refer to the Gentile age referred to in other New Testament passages, in which God would be dealing especially with Gentiles in the matter of salvation. If it means the former, then did this Gentile domination move toward a close when the Jewish nation was born in 1948, and end when Jerusalem was captured by the Jews in 1967? Or if it means the latter, does the return of the Jew to Jerusalem and his control there mean that the Gentile age (the church age) is nearing its end? In either case, the Jew is back in Jerusalem, and the Gentile no longer is in control there.

The next verses may give a key. Here Jesus describes world conditions at the time this happens. They are fearsome and troubled times, and no where in scripture is there a more accurate description of the day in which we are living now.

But notice what Jesus then adds: "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

It seems to many that the key word in Jesus' statement is "begin." He says, "When these things BEGIN to come to pass, then look up. . ." Are the events of this day signs that the Second Coming of Christ is at hand? Many persons believe that they are, especially since so many of the other things Jesus said would be signs of his coming, also are happening right now, or have happened in this generation.

Summary

Let me summarize: The Bible clearly says certain things concerning the Jew being brought back to his own land, and his becoming a nation once more. Jesus spoke of Jerusalem being under the control of the Gentiles until a time apparently connected with events just preceding his return.

The Jew is back in the land. He is rebuilding its cities and developing its agriculture. Great new cities are rising on the sites of ancient ones, and industrial areas are being developed all across the land. Irrigation and modern farming methods are reclaiming the great desert areas and rocky lands, and crops now flourish, orchards spread, and green fields wave. The barren hillsides are being covered with millions of trees. The land is living once more. Jerusalem no longer is a divided city, and vast new developments spread in all directions from the ancient walled city which lies at its heart.

Is this a fulfillment of prophecy? We cannot be sure, but it is happening, and Jesus said "When these things BEGIN to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

New Books

THE CHRISTIAN AND POLITICS by Daniel R. Grant (Broadman, paperback, 127 pp.)

This book defines political problems and issues in such a way that the reader can feel prepared to vote intelligently. It answers two questions: What should a Christian know about practical politics and what should he do? The author, who is professor of political science at Vanderbilt University, disagrees with the popular notion that "dirty" and "politics" are to be used synonymously and criticizes "leap-year citizens" whose political activity is limited to voting in presidential elections. In the closing chapter he gives a checklist of things that a Christian citizen can do to increase his political effectiveness.

RESOURCE GUIDE TO CURRENT SOCIAL ISSUES by William M. Pinson, Jr. (Word Books, paperback, \$1.95 272pp.)

This book contains a list of resources on more than forty current social issues such as abortion, aging, alcohol, capital punishment, communism, crime, divorce, economics, gambling, etc. The list is not an exhaustive one, but is based on selectivity, aiming to provide a list of the best up-to-date materials dealing with the most important aspects of each topic and including books, periodicals, journals, audio-visuals, etc.

If the topic is controversial, different viewpoints are represented. Topics are arranged in alphabetical order.

TODAY'S ENGLISH VERSION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, The American Bible Society Translation (Macmillan, paperback, 605 pp., \$1.95)

SKITS THAT WIN by Ruth Vaughn (Zondervan, paperback, 64 pp., \$1)

Ten skits with an evangelistic emphasis, ideally suited for use in young people's groups. Contains both Biblical skits and those from everyday life. Skits are short so that they can be used as an added feature of a regular meeting, or, in many cases, as a closing feature.

This new translation was prepared by Rev. Robert G. Bratcher, Th.D., special secretary in the translations department of the American Bible Society, in association with a committee of Biblical scholars. It is a fresh, new straightforward translation that uses the vocabulary and style of modern speech. It includes a word list, an index, and maps. (Also published in a low-cost edition as *Good News for Modern Man*.)

HOW TO MARRY A MINISTER by Martha Hickman (J. B. Lippincott, 191 pp., \$3.95)

Mrs. Hickman—she married a minister—starts her funny-serious book with some advice to young ladies who are dating seminary students as a means of capturing a minister for a husband. From there she takes off and "tells it like it is" in an amusing, entertaining and often inspiring account of what it's like to be a minister's wife.

THE SHAPE OF A SONG by Marel Brown (Baker, 96 pp., \$2.95)

A book of poetry, to be read and treasured, written by a member of Brushy Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. Photographs in black and white add immensely to the attractiveness of the small volume.

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On-the-job alcoholism has now soared to a \$4 billion annual hangover, double the \$2 billion estimated cost of only five years ago and equal to a loss of \$16 million to business and industry each working day. This is the latest estimate of New York's non-profit National Council on Alcoholism. Specifically: At least 3 million U. S. workers now suffer from alcoholism — 5.3% of all workers in business, industry and civilian government. The vast majority of alcoholic employees in the U. S. today are in the 35-55 age group, the key productive years. As a result, alcoholism now ranks as our fourth most serious national problem, after heart-artery disease, mental illness and cancer. (Nashville Banner, 9-19-68)

General Hospital in Rockville, Conn., has discontinued the sale of cigarettes in its gift shop. As the staff physician, Dr. Joseph J. Kristan, said: It's ironic that while hospitals are treating cancer and heart patients and other tobacco-associated diseases upstairs, they're selling cigarettes downstairs in the lobby. All but two of the 14 doctors of the hospital have stopped smoking cigarettes. (The Christian Century, 9-25-68)

The Justice Department turned up the heat on racketeers and gamblers during 1968. Attorney General Ramsey Clark reported recently. Reporting a record 1166 persons indicted in cases handled by the Department's organized crime and racketeering section, Clark said convictions totaled 520 — up 30% from fiscal 1967 — and of those, 281 were against gambling and racketeering. Seven hundred others in this category are awaiting trial. (Washington Post, 9-5-68)

The long-standing contention that non-white pay more for housing has been documented statistically in a recent study by Tempo, subsidiary of General Electric Co. Tempo said that in 1960 an urban white father of three had to earn at least \$4,200 a year to afford standard housing, but a non-white father of three had to earn almost one-third more, or \$5,500, to afford comparable quarters. The reason: since housing in most U. S. cities is still not truly open, non-whites have fewer units to choose from. (Newsweek, 9-23-68)

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

October 14 — Evelyn Ayers, psychiatric nursing, Gilfoy School of Nursing; George Ezell, Miss. College faculty.

October 15 — Kelly Wall, Mississippi Association Training Union director; Lillian Heiderhoff, Baptist Book Store.

October 16 — Fred Moore, trustee, Clarke College; Richard Pass, supt. of missions, Adams Union.

October 17 — J. B. Costilow, Baptist student director, Clarke College; Bryant M. Cummings, Clarence Cutrell, Baptist Building employees.

October 19 — Houston Stroud, staff, Children's Village; Paul Nunnery, supt., Children's Village.

October 20 — Dwight Gentry, staff, Blue Mountain College; R. L. Qualls, faculty, Wm. Carey College.

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Former Missionary To China Completes Her First Book

By

Anne Washburn McWilliams
Next year she will be eighty, but Clinton's versatile Florence Powell Harris, retired missionary, has now written her first book. Her autobiography, *HOW BEAUTIFUL THE FEET*, is just off the press.

She and her late husband, Dr. Hendon M. Harris, were missionaries to China for nearly forty years. It is most unusual, but it is true, that they were eyewitnesses to the revolution in China in 1911, to Japan's invasion of China in 1937 during the Sino-Japanese War, and to the Communist take-over of China after World War II.

In the autumn of 1938, she was the only Caucasian and the only woman on board the last train to cross the Japanese line of fire and safely

arrive in Chengchow. The very next train was blown up, the rails removed, and the ground under them plowed. The story of her journey from Hong Kong to Kaifeng in occupied territory during wartime is high suspense. Just that chapter to me seemed worth the price of the book.

HOW BEAUTIFUL THE FEET is of particular importance because it tells of a China that is no more. It cites many historical facts concerning Baptist mission work there in the early years of the 1900's. Just as Dr. Eugene Hill of the Foreign Mission Board says, 'The volume is full of very valuable and otherwise unrecorded facts and history, all of which needed to be preserved.'

The 241-page book, appropriately published in Hong Kong, by the Luen Shing

Company, is attractively bound and printed. The color photo on the book jacket shows Dr. Harris talking with two Chinese of Jewish ancestry, in Kaifeng, ancient capital of China.

Copies may be obtained from Mrs. Harris at 108 Sunset Drive, Clinton, for \$3.95. Orders may be placed through mail or by phone—924-6810. Also the books will be on sale at McRae's Department Store in Jackson and at the Baptist Book Store.

There is a current popular movie called "Never a Dull Moment." In Mrs. Harris' life, I doubt if there has ever been a dull moment. Because of that, the story of her life could not fail to be exciting reading. To use an old saying, she has constantly been jumping from the frying pan into the fire! And she writes about it in her own inimitable way.

She is an individual like no other. In fact, she is most likely candidate for "My Most Unforgettable Character."

At forty she learned to swim and after fifty to ride a bicycle. After seventy she learned to drive a car. Just this past year she has been studying art in night classes at Hinds Junior College.

Born in Mexico, the daughter of pioneer missionaries to that country, she has lived there, as well as in China and in the United States, and has travelled around the world. A dedicated, missionary-minded Christian, she is an active member of First Church, Clinton. After retirement, she and her husband helped to organize Morrison Heights Church, Clinton.

She has 28 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Of her eight children, six are living. Her first son died in China at the age of 13 months. Another son was killed in action during the Korean War.

The chic, well-groomed Mrs. Harris is a gracious hostess and a good cook.

When she invites friends over for meals, she usually serves one or more Chinese dishes. Her beautifully decorated home in Lakeside Park Subdivision is filled with rare Chinese lamps, pottery, china, pictures, and artifacts.

In *HOW BEAUTIFUL THE FEET* she tells of her early years in Mexico. Always resourceful, she was able to meet the constant childhood crises. For instance, one morning she was getting ready for Sunday school when she noticed holes in her black stockings. She soon remedied that. She just painted the flesh through the holes black, with shoe polish.

As a young girl she went to boarding school at Blue Mountain College. Later, when her father became Kentucky's state mission secretary, she met her husband-to-be in Louisville, Ky.

Hendon Harris of Mississippi was a student at Southern Seminary. He had been given a note of introduction to Florence's sister, Mamie. But the story of how Florence put an end to that makes fascinating reading.

They were married on June 1, 1910, and on November 11, that same year, they sailed for China, on their way to the Interior Mission in Honan Province.

In her book, Mrs. Harris says that during that first seven years abroad they began the study of Mandarin, and they saw many converts baptized. The courageous couple lived through many hardships, including a revolution.

Their first tiny apartment was warmed by a coal heater, so small that Mrs. Harris' first Chinese words were "Na'an lai"—"Bring some coal."

During their second term of service, in the twenties, Mr. Harris established the Honan-Anhui Bible School for the training of preachers and Christian workers. There was tremendous growth of Christianity in Honan Province at that time, due largely to the influence of the great Christian governor, General Feng Yu Hsiang.

In 1926, in grave financial difficulty, the Foreign Mission Board, had to ask one hundred missionaries to resign, including the Harrises. Mr. Harris completed work on his doctorate at Southern Seminary and then taught



HARVEST

The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; the enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels . . . The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire . . . Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. (Matthew 13:38-43) (RNS Photo)

THE HARVEST WAITS

By Rolla M. Bradley, Missionary, Korea

October is a busy, beautiful month in Korea, the month when the farmers harvest their main crop—rice. It is wonderful to watch the golden fields being harvested. Every member of the family is busy in the fields at this strategic time (a newspaper recently said 70 percent of the people would be involved). Very soon the bad weather of winter will come, and then it will be too late to harvest this crop so necessary to life.

What a marvelous picture of the spiritual condition of this land of 30,000,000 persons! Calculated by the most liberal estimate, only 10 percent of these people are Christians. All Christian denominations at work in Korea are making great efforts to witness. But how much time is left to win the other 90 percent?

The words of Jesus that the harvest is plenteous but the laborers few are so fitting for Korea. In this land the Christian witness is uninhibited by traditional religion or bias of the people. Truly, if we had the laborers, Korea could be harvested for Christ while there is yet time.

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Dental Missionary Joins In

Health Mission To S. America

By Gladys Washington, Public Relations

Baylor College of Dentistry

A dental missionary on furlough from Africa recently left his graduate studies in Dallas to serve with a health mission in a Latin American country.

A 1950 graduate of Baylor's College of Dentistry, Dr. Logan usually spends his furloughs from the Baptist Dental Centre in Enugu, Nigeria, taking specialized training at the College. With only 50 dentists serving Nigeria's population of 30,000,000 people and no specialists in orthodontics, Dr. Logan enrolled in postgraduate orthodontic training at the College in January.

Emphasizing that American dentists can be of great service in foreign missions, Dr. Logan said, "I would encourage dentists to come to the field for a period of even a month or six weeks."

He told of a dental schoolmate who flew to Nigeria for a three-week tour of service. Working in the dental clinic during the day and teaching and counseling the dental missionaries in his special area of dentistry in the evening, the dentist, according to Dr. Logan, gave inestimable help in their dental service.

Dr. Logan and his wife,

Dorothy, are active in the First Baptist Church, Dallas,

where Dr. Logan is a mem-

ber of the Medical and Dental Department. Their three children, Martha, 16, Becky, 15, and Stephen, 13, have attended the same school system in Dallas on each furlough and have kept their friends and schoolmates throughout the years.

Since his return, Dr. Logan

has filled many speaking

engagements throughout the Dallas area. Telling of the Baptist work in Nigeria, and particularly the work of his dental mission, Dr. Logan

has spoken to many groups in his home state of Mississippi and has lectured in Richmond, Virginia, and at the Baptist Assem-

blance in Glorieta, New Mexico.

Membership In East German Churches Drops

BERLIN (RNS)—Membership in East Germany's Protestant and Roman Catholic Churches declined by more than 25 per cent during the period 1950-1964, according to census figures just made public here.

The 1964 census of the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) revealed a smaller decline in population for the 14-year period as well as a large decline in membership.

In 1964, 5.4 million of the 17 million residents of East Germany and East Berlin said that they were not affiliated with any Church. The 1950 census, taken only a year after the German Democratic Republic had been proclaimed, showed a population of 18.4 million with only 1.4 million who declared no religious affiliation.

Protestantism had 14.8 million adherents, 80.5 per cent of the population, in 1950. The 1964 figure dropped to 10.1 million or 59.4 per cent. The Catholic Church had two million members in 1950, amounting to 11 per cent of the population. In 1964, this figure was reduced to 1.4 million or 8.1 per cent.

Navy Sabbath

To Be Observed

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The

nation will pause briefly during the weekend of October

25-27 to mark the annual observance of Navy Sabbath, according to Captain Robert B. Bolt, USNR, National President of the Naval Reserve Association. NRA, a national organization of over 9,200 Naval Reserve officers, is sponsoring Navy Sabbath for the third successive year as a religious adjunct to the annual observance of Navy Day.

Navy Sabbath observances have gained support and endorsement from leading national figures from both churches and the Naval Establishment.

Navy Sabbath attempts to promote mutual understanding between the American public and Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families.

The nation's religious organizations have increased the number of religious services devoted specifically to the principles of Navy Sabbath.

Churches have included Navy prayers or the Navy Hymn—*"Eternal Father Strong to Save"* in services during this period.

Moreover, civilian worshippers across the land are being asked to remember, in prayer, the personal sacrifices being made by Navy men and women and their families.

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The cost for the average drug prescription is \$3.35. In a recent survey, over half of the Americans questioned on drugs thought it was more, according to the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association.

In fact, the U. S. Department of Commerce has published reports which show that today's better drugs take less of your health dollar than those of 1930.

Dr. Wayne Logan and his wife, Dorothy, are active in the First Baptist Church, Dallas, where Dr. Logan is a mem-



DR. WAYNE LOGAN, a dental missionary on furlough from Nigeria, uses a modern Cephalometric X-ray to make an accurate diagnosis of a young patient's orthodontic problem. Dr. Logan, who is taking graduate work in orthodontics at Baylor University College of Dentistry, Dallas, Texas, is a native of Mississippi.



REV. AND MRS. GUY REEDY (center) were honored with a reception Sunday, September 29, in Highland Church, Laurel. Assisting with hospitalities on this occasion, the tenth anniversary of the Reedy's ministry at Highland, were Allen McClure, chairman of deacons, and Mrs. Julius Hamilton, reception committee chairman.

RECEPTION HONORS REEDYS ON TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Rev. M. Guy Reedy, pastor, and Mrs. Reedy were honored with a reception Sunday, September 29, at Highland Church, Laurel, on the occasion of their tenth anniversary of their ministry at this church.

Receiving with the guests of honor, and their children, Stephen and Gloria, were Bill Butler, minister of music and education, and the members of the church council.

The anniversary cake was a three-tiered confection crested with a church steeple, symbolic of the large sanctuary erected.

MC Music Department Announces Opening Concert, October 10

The Music Department of Mississippi College has set Thursday, October 10 as the date for the opening concert of the Mississippi College Orchestra and the Eroica String Quartet.

Featured on the program will be the Eroica String Quartet. The quartet is composed of Allen Fuller, first violin; Philip Lowe, second violin; Anne Mason, viola; Dick Brown, cello. The quartet will perform selected movements from strong quartets by Mozart and Beethoven.

The second half of the program Thursday evening will be given by the Mississippi College Orchestra. Selections include works by Handel, D. Scarlatti, Christensen, Bernstein, and others. The Orchestra will be assisted by Robert Willis and Anne Mason.

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Accident Claims N. C. Sunday School Secretary

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP) — Claude W. White, secretary of the Sunday School department of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, was killed Oct. 2 here in a traffic accident.

White was alone in his Volkswagen when it crashed almost head-on with a U. S. Mail truck at a sharp curve on a downtown boulevard.

Police said the Volkswagen, failed to make the curve, crossed the median strip traveling 77 feet and struck the van type truck. The driver of the truck was not injured.

White came to his present position in June, 1967, from Virginia where he had served as an associate in the Sunday School department.

A native of Elizabeth City, he was 52 years of age. He attended Campbell College at Buie's Creek, N. C. where he later taught for a year. He also attended West Texas State College in Canyon, Tex. and earned both his master's and doctor's degrees in religious education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth.

He had served a number of churches as minister of education, including First Baptist Church, Canyon, Tex.; First Baptist Church, Gatesville, Tex.; Grey Stone Baptist Church, Durham, N. C.; First Baptist Church, Mineral Wells, Tex.; and Ashley River Baptist Church, Charleston, S. C.

During World War II, he was an Army chaplain.

Ohio Paper Features Mississippian

Rev. Carroll Starkey, former member of First Church, Jackson, is the subject of an article in the September 18 issue of the *Ohio Baptist Messenger*, by the editor, L. H. Moore.

On Sunday, September 15, Editor Moore preached at Eastwood Baptist Church, Middlebury, where Starkey is pastor.

When the pastor introduced the guest speaker he gave him a list of names of families in his church to receive the *Ohio Baptist Messenger*, and a check for the subscriptions.

Eastview Church, Middlebury, was started by the Starkeys about six and a half years ago. They moved to Ohio after seminary, and Mississippi and Georgia pastorates, to be leaders of a small mission group. The mission had no property at first, but the mother church in Middlebury sponsored them.

Eastview became a church six years ago and now has an attractive brick building and 125-140 in Sunday school.

Rev. Starkey is the son of G. C. Starkey of Jackson.

DAMASCUS HOMECOMING OCTOBER 27

Damascus Church, four miles east of Flora in Madison County, on Highway 22, will celebrate homecoming day on Sunday, October 27. All former members, and former pastors have a special invitation.

There will be dinner on the grounds, and old-fashioned fellowship. "Would you please attend?" writes Mrs. Robert L. Marchant, member of the church. "We're looking forward to seeing you once more!"

REVIVAL RESULTS

Petal-Harvey Church (Lobion Association): Rev. D. E. Thompson, pastor. Larry Taylor, full-time Southern Baptist evangelist, San Antonio, Texas, preaching; Vernon Boushell—Cocoa, Florida, music; Nina Clearman, organist; Ruth Smith, pianist; Mrs. Vernon Boushell, vibra harp; seventy-nine decisions: 18 for baptism, 9 by letter, 7 re-dedications, 45 youth pledged total abstinence from alcohol and narcotics.

Southern Hills Church, Jackson: Sept. 29-Oct. 6; Levi Mulligan, song leader; 16 additions with 7 of these for baptism; Rev. David Crawford, pastor.

RHODESIAN WMU REGISTERS 250

Two hundred and fifty delegates and seven visitors attended the Woman's Missionary Union of Rhodesia convention, held on the Baptist assembly grounds, near Gwelo. It was a record attendance for the organization, according to Dr. Wana Ann Fort, missionary.

Meeting just before a nationwide evangelistic effort, the women focused their attention on revival preparation, thus developing a program different from the usual.

Emphasizing prayer, they divided themselves into 20 small groups and prayed for two half hours under the trees. Mrs. Fort said that one remarked after prayer time: "I wish I could have flown over the area and taken a picture

of all those women praying for God's blessing on Rhodesia."

The women looked forward to 1972 when the Baptist Women's Union of Africa will meet in Rhodesia. In preparation, each WMU was to make a quilt. Two groups presented their quilts at the convention. Another brought white pillows cases with "WMU" embroidered on them, and members of Girls' Auxiliary had saved their pennies and bought a blanket for convention guests.

"This is the first year the women have been responsible for their own travel expenses, and it has been a year of drought and famine," Mrs. Fort says. "Some wondered if there would be as many as 100 women at the convention."

Apology, A Double Blessing

By Rev. S. L. Morgan,
Baptist Home,
Hamilton, N. C.

I've just tried it out, and so know firsthand. I think it a story worth telling. I'm in a home for the aging, 30 residents. I'll be 97 Sep. 23. My mind seems at its best still. One eye is gone, and the other only about half-good. I read the daily newspaper with fair comfort, but only under my strong desk-light. Our home gets 3-4 copies of the daily (some for residents), and I've had permission to take a copy to read under my desk-light and return.

I've done that several years, habitually returning it promptly to the front hall reading table. In spite of my extreme care to remember, maybe once a month (hardly often) something diverts me, and I fail to return it immediately. Yesterday was an example. Missing it, lovely nurse Ruby noticed it and came for it. She stunned me by saying, "We can't allow the paper to leave the reading table. Read it there."

It "struck me between the eyes," with chagrin and desperation. My instant impression was, "It's a new and

drastic ruling by the staff." Stung by it, I told our group at lunch, it's almost like a death sentence to deny me the paper to glance at what's going on in the world! The new rule dooms me." It was Saturday; Sunday morning it came to me. "I was wrong; if only I had reminded our lovely Ruby of my half-eye, she would have said, "Don't worry, we'll find a way to help you." She's like that. Instantly I resolved to offer at breakfast "a humble apology," and did so. —"for a speech unpleasant to hear."

Frankly my "humble apology" took a heavy weight from me. My sunshine came back. I'm sure it did so for those who had heard my "unpleasant speech." I even challenged them to search my record from the people to whom I had preached nearly 20 years — the First Baptist Churches of Burlington, Henderson, and Smithfield. Was I considered reasonable, gentle, kindly?

Peace within, my sense of worth back to normal, even proud of my apology, I felt happy. And I could not doubt I had brought back sunshine to the people who had heard me.



MEMORIAL TO JERRY LEO DAVIS
This outdoor bulletin board was recently presented to Pine Grove Church, Lauderdale County, in memory of the late Jerry Leo Davis, a former deacon of that church. Pictured by the board are his family, Mrs. Mable Davis Long, Hulon C. Davis, and Mrs. Steve Tucker of Collinsville, and James Leo Davis of Jackson. Pastor of the church is Rev. Archie D. Fleming.

Resolution Of The Deacons Of Hazlehurst, First Church In Memory Of Deacon W. L. Reno

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom called Deacon W. L. Reno to his heavenly reward on July 27, 7:30 a. m., 1968, and,

WHEREAS, Deacon Reno was born in the Hopewell Community June 23, 1907 and became a Christian in his earthly life, and,

WHEREAS, He was educated in the Hopewell Public School, Copiah-Lincoln Agricultural High School and graduated at Mississippi College in 1930 with a B.A. Degree, and,

WHEREAS, He was married to Miss Betty Shelton on May 20, 1936 and to this union three children were born, Louis and Betsy. Their first child died in infancy, and,

WHEREAS, He was very active in church work and was ordained as a deacon of the First Baptist Church in 1950 and was elected Sunday School Superintendent in 1952, which position he held until his passing.

WHEREAS, He served as Moderator of the Copiah Baptist Association, and was a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, a messenger many times to the State Baptist Convention and was sent as a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, and,

WHEREAS, His civic activities were many, including membership in the Masonic Lodge, past-president of the Parent-Teacher Organization, Chairman of the Copiah Democratic Executive Committee. He was Mayor of Hazlehurst for two terms, City Clerk at the time of his passing, one of the first managers of the Little League Baseball League in this city, Past-President of the Lions Club and Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Deacons of the Hazlehurst First Baptist Church exceedingly regret Deacon Reno's passing. He did his duty faithfully and well, God's cause has been through him glorified and built up in our midst.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, a copy of this Resolution be spread on the Minutes of the Deacons and on the Minutes of the church, and a copy be sent to the local paper, and that the Secretary of the Deacons be instructed to send a copy to Deacon Reno's family, thereby conveying to his family the sympathy of the Deacons in their bereavement.

Resolution Committee: E. Ray Izard, Chairman, J. W. Scott and B. M. Edwards.



Fred Opalenski?

Florida Church Warns Against This Embezzler

The following warning has been issued by Rev. Leonard Branton, pastor of Lake Hill Baptist Church, Orla Vista, Florida:

"Please be advised about the character of one 'Fred Opalenski' alias 'Fred Opal' alias 'Fred Adams.'

"He married a widow of our church under the alias of 'Fred Adams' and embezzled money from the church members by absconding with the money that they had invested in stock in a corporation which he had started. He was also licensed to preach the gospel of The Lord Jesus Christ on February 7, 1968. He was last heard of in Fort Worth, Texas and Las Vegas, Nevada.

"These are the actions the church took in this matter:

"His license to preach the gospel of The Lord Jesus Christ was revoked August 21, 1968 and Christian fellowship was withdrawn and his name removed from our church roll.

"The church also voted to send a letter with a picture to each state Baptist paper of the Southern Baptist Convention and advise them of their action in this matter. This is for the purpose of protecting our Southern Baptist Convention churches and others from an imposter."

Churches In The News

Pelahatchie Church (Rankin Association) Reached its state mission offering goal of \$360.00 on the first Sunday of Emphasis with a total of \$390.00 being given, a new record for state missions gifts. Rev. Bob Maddux is pastor.

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The Sunday School Lesson

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Christ, Our Mediator

By Clifton J. Allen
Hebrews 4:6; 8:9

The central theme of the letter to the Hebrews is the supremacy and finality of Christ and the quality of faith and devotion which ought to mark Christians because of their commitment to Christ. The recipients of the letter were probably Jewish Christians. Some of them were under pressure to forsake Christ and return to Judaism. The writer, therefore, drew upon the history of the Israelites and the rituals and ceremonies of Judaism to show that Christ, as the perfect High Priest and the all-sufficient sacrifice, is the Mediator of a better covenant.

The Lesson Explained Sinless And Sympathetic 4:14-16

Christians are challenged to live in the light of the fact that they have a great High Priest. He is now our ever-living Redeemer and Mediator. This is sufficient ground for holding fast our confession—both trusting in it and being true to it. We are encouraged to do because our High Priest understands our weaknesses. Jesus understands what temptation means because he went through temptation. He sympathizes with us and feels with us. He was tempted like we are, with the amazing difference that he never yielded to Satan. Not all of the fiery darts of evil could ever weaken his trust and obedience toward God.

Because we have "a merciful and faithful high priest," Christians can come boldly to the throne of grace. Whatever our failures, whatever our disobedience in sin, we know that we can obtain mercy. We can find help, just at the time needed, whatever the trial or crisis. Our great High Priest intercedes for us, and he provides resources to overcome weakness, endure affliction, and assure victory.

High Priest Forever 5:1-6

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he must be appointed by God. It was always expected that the high priest, himself a man, would be considerate and gently disposed, forbearing without being compromising. The high priest himself was beset with weakness. The writer uses this reference to the high priest of Judaism to emphasize, all the more strongly, the kindness of Christ and his compassion for sinners.

Further, Christ was divinely appointed, but in a unique way. He was God's Son, and he was designated to be our great High Priest forever. The two quotations in verses 5-6 from two psalms declared that Christ is both Priest and King. Through the Messiah of David's line, Christ is High Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. The essential meaning of this phrase is elaborated in chapter 7. The truth of importance for us is that Christ, unlike the high priest of Judaism, who was subject to death and could not continue in the priesthood, holds his priesthood forever by "the power of an endless life." Therefore our great High Priest "is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

Source Of Eternal Salvation 5:7-10

The writer now refers to the sufferings of Jesus in the days of his flesh. The reference in verse 7 may be to Jesus' experience in Gethsemane. On the other hand, the writer's words may be comprehensive of Jesus' whole experience of humiliation and suffering or to his total experience of self-emptying and sacrifice as the sin offering for mankind.

Though the very Son of God, Jesus learned obedience in the sense that he was not exempted from the reality of human experience and the demand for obedience even through suffering. He learned obedience by choosing to be obedient to the Father's purpose and will. This he could not have done apart from the sufferings experienced and the temptations encountered. Jesus was thus made perfect. Here "perfect" means fitness for the task to which God had sent him. In this way Jesus became the author of eternal salvation. We are reconciled to God through the sacrifice of the cross, but we achieve the fulness of our salvation through Christ's ministry as our great High Priest and through our continuing obedience to him.

Did God make man with this type of nature? No! God made man with the ability to choose good. But in order to be able to choose good he must at the same time be able to choose evil. Therefore all men stand in an open choice. If man chooses to turn his back upon God there is not anything that man can do. God made man with the ability to love Him, but because of free choice few do love Him.

The idea that God abandons men who choose evil is a note of wistful, sorrowful regret as of a lover who has done all that he can do and

Deliverance From Judgement

Rom. 1:18-32 5:6-9
By Bill Duncan

The Bible is clear that the soul that sinneth will reap the consequences thereof. The evidence of this fact is seen in the lives of countless numbers of Biblical characters as well as modern individuals. This lesson recognizes the certainty of judgment. However, there is made available to man a deliverance from the consequences of this judgment through Jesus Christ. But man needs to see his need of that deliverance before he will trust Christ as Saviour. Christ is the only one who can deliver man from this evil end and restore the right nature in man.

The Depth of Human Depravity

What makes man do the things he does? The key word in this passage describing man's nature to do wrong is desire. This word means reaching out after pleasure. This pleasure is a passionate desire for the forbidden and makes him do shameless things. Barclay says this is insane thinking that when he has done it he wishes he had not done it. In the end this desire becomes so completely immerse in the world that he ceases to be aware of God at all.

This passage shows what can happen to a man who leaves God out of the reckonings of his life. This terrible description brings to our attention the loss of godliness and manhood as well. The list begins with evil man who robs both man and God of their rights and ends with the approval of men who do things deserving death. The list of the sins of man is shaking, but real. Man who is made in the image of God does not remind us of God at all.

This proves the power of God's love for mankind, love that changes the sinful nature of mankind. God can reach to the depths of sin and lift to the height of His glory.

can do no more. The abandonment is a kind of judgment. Because man brings this upon himself. The more he sins the easier it is to sin and finally he sins without a second thought. Really this is man abandoning God, for he chooses not to know God.

The depth of human beings' godless condition is seen in this passage. This cannot be contributed to anything except man's choosing. God wants all men to be righteous, but man wants to be his own boss. Therefore man chooses to run from God.

The Height of Divine Love

Rom. 5:6-9

The fact that Jesus died for us is the greatest proof of God's love. The wonder of God's love is that He died for us when we were bad, and hostile towards God. The sinner described in Romans, Chapter 1, shows the depth of man's nature, and yet Jesus died for these. Love can go no further than that.

There is always the need to remind ourselves that God will do anything to save man from the judgment that he deserves. Man cannot be saved without God. But God cannot save man without man wanting to be changed.

The great change that takes place through faith in Jesus Christ is status. Sinner though we were, we were put into a right relationship with God. We were saved from the wrath by his love. The decision that changed the status was saving faith in Jesus Christ's death for mankind.

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MARTY J. EVANS, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Marty J. Evans, Sr., was licensed to the gospel ministry by Calvary Church, Greenville, (Rev. Raymond A. Wilson, pastor) Sunday, September 8. Marty is active in the youth work of his church. He is a senior at Greenville High School and plans to enter Mississippi College in the fall of 1969. Gayle Buford, Linda Collins, and Sandra Stillman have also recently surrendered to church-related vocations.

Sunday School

Visitation Kit Deleted

The VISITATION KIT (CAR 17), as listed in the Evangelism Plan Book, will not be available this year.

Crusade Rally Reports

Associations conducting Crusade of the Americas Rallies are asked to send the number of churches and total attendance to the Sunday School or Evangelism Department, Box 530, Jackson.

Wyoming Enlargement Campaign

The Mississippi Sunday School Department is working with the Northern Plains Baptist Convention in planning and conducting nineteen Sunday School Enlargement Campaigns in Wyoming churches on October 19-24. These Enlargement Campaigns are endorsed by the Mississippi Pioneer Missions Committee.

Bob Lawrence of the Northern Plains Convention and Bryant Cummings from the state Sunday School Department will serve as Co-Directors for this mission effort.

Other Sunday School Department personnel participating will be Carolyn Madison, Dennis E. Conniff, Jr., Judd R. Allen and Billy Hudgens.

Rev. Edward R. Bryon, full-time evangelist, of 1013 Arlington Drive, Clinton, delivered the messages for the Campus Evangelistic Crusade at Mississippi College October 1, 2, and 3, at 7:30 p. m., on Robinson Field. Francis LaRocque was music director. "We Three Kings" (Skip Dean, Doug Verbois, and Mark Sutton) were featured. The Baptist Student Union sponsored this event and did much of the pre-crusade work.

Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy, dean of the School of Theology at New Orleans Seminary, is returning to full-time teaching in the field of Old Testament and Hebrew. Dr. Kennedy will remain in the dean's office most of this semester to effect an efficient transition. He will begin a full teaching schedule with the second semester. Until a new dean is named, Dr. Eddie Eddleman will serve as acting dean. Dr. Kennedy is writing commentaries on Ruth and Joel for Broadman Bible Commentary.

Miss Antonina Canzoneri, missionary recently transferred from Nigeria to the Bahamas, left the States on September 16 for her new field. She will teach mathematics and science in the Baptist academy in Nassau (address: P. O. Box 1644, Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas). Daughter of a Baptist minister, Miss Canzoneri was born in Fort Worth, Tex., and lived there and in Jackson, Miss., while growing up. Prior to her appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1947 she taught in secondary schools in Meehan Junction, Miss., and in Lebanon Junction, Ky.

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A Tree With A Message

By Rowe C. Holcomb, First, Hazlehurst

Pushmataha, the great Choctaw Chief could readily converse in French, English, and Spanish. Fluent in his mother tongue, he described his origin in this manner, "Threatening clouds hovered low, the great forest grew very dark, birds hushed their singing, . . . then all living creatures became silent. In that moment, a blinding flash of lightning cleaved a gnarled old oak and outstepped Pushmataha, a full-fledged warrior."

Folklore, legend, and mythology pale into insignificance when compared to Holy Writ. In Genesis twelve, "Abraham passed through the land to the place of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh." In Genesis thirty-five, Jacob prepares for Bethel. "So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that they had, and the rings that were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was near Shechem." Centuries later, "Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem. . . . and Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a great stone and set it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the Lord."

The oak of Shechem witnessed the first altar to the living God erected in Canaan. Here God revealed himself, established covenants with Abraham, and promised blessings to all families of the earth.

After Jacob gathered pagan artifacts saturated with superstition, he got rid of the burden by burying it at the oak of Shechem. With cleansed conscience and happy heart, he resumed his journey to Bethel.

When militant Joshua led Israel in a pledge of allegiance to the everliving God, he recorded their vows and set a stone memorial at the oak of Shechem.

Is there a tree in the New Testament that equals or surpasses this unusual oak of Shechem? Hebrews declares the Christian has something greater in Jesus than ever prefigured. Let the cross witness to us: "Was it for crimes that I have done He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree."

Again we sing:

"On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain."

Joyce Kilmer was right, "Only God can make a tree"—especially, one where His sacred covenant is memorialized forever.

ADVENTIST OFFICIAL ASSAILS CHRISTMAS STAMP FOR '68

GLENDALE, Calif. (RNS)—The U. S. Post Office Department has come under fire for its 1968 Christmas stamp— picturing a Jan Van Eyck painting of the angel Gabriel—from the world religious liberty director of the Seventh-day Adventists.

Melvin E. Loewen of Washington, D. C. charged in a newspaper article that the Post Office Department "has departed from the American policy of separation of church and state."

The article appeared in the Sept. 30 issue of Pacific Union Recorder, official weekly for Adventists in California, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and Hawaii.



Rev. D. W. Nix
Dies In Bogalusa

Funeral services were held September 24 for Rev. Daniel W. Nix, 70, of Bogalusa, La., who died September 22 at Bogalusa Community Medical Center.

Mr. Nix, a native of Laurel, Miss., had lived in Bogalusa for the past six years. He had pastored churches in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. At the time of his retirement he was pastor of White Sand Church and interim pastor of the Monroe Street Church, Bogalusa.

He attended the University of Southern Mississippi for two years, and studied four years at Mississippi College and four years at Southwest Seminary.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Jessie Leigh Nix, Apartment 45, Highland Park, Bogalusa; one daughter, Mrs. Dewey Norsworthy, Bogalusa; two sons, Virgil W. and Bobby John of Monroe, La.; four sisters, Mrs. Mollie Knight of Soso, Miss., Mrs. Myrtis Jordan, Mrs. Ruth Lee, and Mrs. Alice Pitts, of Laurel; two brothers, Geo. E. and John L., of Laurel.

MISSIONARY'S MOTHER DIES

Mrs. Robert L. Carlisle, Sr., mother of Rev. Robert L. Carlisle, Jr., missionary to Uruguay, died September 24 in Wesson, Miss. Missionary Carlisle's address is Box 233, Wesson, Miss., 39191.

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ARTESIA CALLS PASTOR

Rev. Max Parker has accepted the pastorate of Artesia Church, Lowndes County.

Born in Sandersville, he has held pastorates at Phalti Church, Pachuta, and Emmanuel, New Orleans, La. A graduate of William Carey College, he received his Th.M. from New Orleans Seminary.

He and Mrs. Parker, the former Betty Grafton of Laurel, have one child, Gregory, two.

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Buddy McElroy

Forest Calls

Music Director

James B. (Buddy) McElroy has accepted the position of music director at the Forest Church. He began his duties on September 15. He will be conducting a fully graded choir program consisting of five choirs.

Mr. McElroy is currently serving as Professor of Voice and Conducting and Choral Director at Clarke College in Newton. He was serving the Highland Church in Meridian when called by the Forest Church.

He is a graduate of Clarke, Mississippi College, New Orleans Seminary. He has done graduate study at Maryville College, Grove City College, and Oakland University, advanced voice study at Yale University, and advanced choral techniques with Robert Shaw and Roger Wagner. He has studied with some sixteen choral conductors including such name personalities as Fred Waring.

Mrs. McElroy, the former Dorothy Larie Smith from Lauderdale County, is also teaching at Clarke. They have one son, James B. McElroy Jr., age 9 months.

The cost for sending one man into outer space, whether he goes alone or is traveling with a companion, is an astounding 278 million dollars, just about enough to build three skyscrapers the size of the Pan Am Building—the largest office building in the world.

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Referring to the union negotiations which have not been going on for several years and the various reports and proposals negotiators

Ohio Baptists Launch 400th Church Via VBS

NASHVILLE (BP)—A Vacation Bible School held in an inner city, integrated neighborhood resulted in the 400th Southern Baptist church to be constituted in the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

The Western Avenue Baptist Church of Toledo was constituted as Ohio's 400th church, following the familiar pioneer mission pattern, from Vacation Bible School to revival to constituted Baptist church.

The organization, however, was unique in that the sponsoring church, the First Baptist Church of Fairborn, Ohio, was 150 miles away.

The Fairborn church also had sponsored Favorite Hill Baptist Church, Piqua, Ohio, the 300th church to be constituted by Ohio Southern Baptists.

Western Avenue Baptist Church traces her beginning to a Vacation Bible School conducted in the Western Avenue area of Toledo, where 60 boys and girls attended in mid-July, 1966.

Byron Presley Howell, the son of Rev. Herbert Howell, pastor of Friendship Church, Pontotoc County, was recently ordained to the gospel ministry. The ordination service was held at Friendship Church. Rev. James W. Henry led in the questioning period.

Byron is pastor of Water Oak Church, Rt. 3, Waynesboro.

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PASTOR'S SON IS ORDAINED

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He is a graduate of Mississippi State University and Southwestern Seminary. He and Mrs. Everitt have three daughters, two married and one, age 14, at home.

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Everitt Accepts Call To Illinois

Rev. Charles Everitt resigned, effective September 1, his work as superintendent of missions for Lamar and Pearl River Associations, where he had served since April 15, 1966.

He is now pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church, Paxton, Illinois, a 15-year-old church with around 300 members, an average Sunday school attendance of 150, and an annual budget of approximately \$25,000. This is one of only two Baptist churches in Ford County, Ill. Paxton, with a population of about 5,000, is the county seat.

Mr. Everitt had previously served in Illinois for ten years, from 1966 to 1966. In Mississippi he also formerly served Tishomingo, Bolivar and Newton Associations as superintendent of missions. Other pastorates were in Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma.

Poe is a native of Algoma, Pontotoc County.

He is married to the former Billie Taylor of Troy; they have two children Sandy, 4, and Pat, 2.



Rev. David Poe

SALTIMO CALLS POE

Rev. David Poe has accepted the call of the Saltillo Church as pastor. A graduate of Itawamba Junior College and Blue Mountain College, he has held pastorates at Old Oak Grove and Temple in Union County, and is moving from Camp Ground Church, Yalobusha County.

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58 From 21 Countries In Zurich Seminary

More countries are represented by students at the Baptist seminary in Rischlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, this year than ever in its 20-year history, reports President John D. W. Watts, missionary.

The 21 countries represented compare with the previous record of 20 in the last academic year. The current enrollment of 58 ties with that of 10 years ago.

Countries included are Switzerland, United States, Sweden, Italy, France, United Kingdom (Scotland, England, and Wales represented), Spain, Belgium, Netherlands, Argentina, Australia, Norway, Canada, South Africa, Germany, Brazil, Denmark, Finland, Yugoslavia, Israel, and Czechoslovakia.

Portuguese WMU Holds Retreat

Forty-one women from throughout Portugal recently attended a four-day retreat (the third held by the Portuguese Baptist Woman's Missionary Union), in Agua de Madeiras, a small town two hours north of Lisbon.

In addition to study, meditation, and inspirational sessions, daily activities included a sewing hour when the women mended clothes for an evangelical orphans' home in Porto.

"With tears and embraces, the women reluctantly said their good-byes," reports Mrs. John M. Herndon, Southern Baptist missionary. "One remarked, 'When I came I didn't know anyone, but we have become a family.' Another, who for the first time in 20 years of marriage had left her family to manage for themselves, exclaimed what a blessing she would have missed had she stayed home."

Heads—we go to a movie. Tails—we go to the grill. If it stands on edge—we study.

New Citizen: Well, do you think about taxes? 2nd New Citizen: I like it. Dot's vere I lif.

1st N.C.: Vot do you mean, dot's vere you lif?

2nd N.C.: In Taxes. Dot's vere I lif.

1st N.C. (disgusted): You don't understand. I'm talking about dolla's.

2nd: Sure, Dollars, Taxes, dot's vere I lif.

INCOMPLETE BAPTISM Once I knew a Baptist, He had a pious look.

He had been totally immersed Except his pocketbook.

He put a nickel in the plate, And then with might and main, He'd sing, 'When we asunder part, It gives us inward pain.'

—The Gloster Baptist

Oak Grove Homecoming

The 24th annual homecoming day will be observed Sunday, October 13 at Oak Grove Church, Holmes County, with dinner on the grounds. Rev. Tommy Bruce is pastor.



Rev. Clifford Estes

Calvary, Newton Calls Pastor

Rev. Clifford Estes, new pastor of Calvary Church, Newton, has moved to the pastorate at 110 New Ireland Street.

Mr. Estes was formerly pastor of the Pachuta Church and Hillcrest, Laurel.

A May, 1968 graduate of New Orleans Seminary, he received a Master of Theology degree, Honors Program. He is also a graduate of Jones Junior College and of the University of Southern Mississippi.

Before entering the ministry he was teacher and coach for three years in the Jones County School system, and attended Jackson School of Law for one and one-half years.

Mrs. Estes is the former Rebecca Hardee of Ellisville.

Clear Branch Homecoming

Annual homecoming day will be observed Sunday, October 13, at Clear Branch Church, Rankin County, seven miles south of Florence.

Rev. James Whittington, Jr., pastor, will preach at the 11 a.m. service. Rev. Herman Milner, pastor of Van-Winkle Church, Jackson, will be featured speaker at the afternoon service, which begins at 1 p.m.

Lunch will be served at the church. The public is invited.

Men and women have two faults: what they say and what they do.

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Fifty-two William Carey College students and their BSU director, Dorman Laird, attended a Baptist Student Union Retreat at Kittiwake Assembly recently. The conference also included 34 students from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Those persons giving special addresses during the two-day conference were: Rev. Wayne Neal, pastor of Hillcrest Church, New Albany; Dr. Graham Hales, pastor of University Church, Hattiesburg; and Robbie Tisher, president of the Baptist Student Union of Mississippi State University.

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